

**Part B - 4**

**LEAD AGENCY/BUREAU AND/OR SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP  
REPORT (Agencies with Lead Responsibilities Assigned under the new  
Circular A-16 in Appendix E -**

**<http://www.fgdc.gov/publications/a16final.html#appendix>** (Please provide a separate report for each activity for which you have the lead)

1. Program/Activity Name: FGDC Marine Boundary Working Group
2. What are the specific federal programs this data supports?

The Marine Boundary Working Group is charged with advancing the marine boundary component of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure. This is achieved through its member agencies and their various projects and activities that support the NSDI. Through its partnership building, standards development, and outreach, the Marine Boundary Working Group supports all agencies that use and develop marine boundaries. The agencies include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Minerals Management Service (MMS), the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, Federal Communications Commission, the U.S. Navy, the State Department, the Census Bureau, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

3. Uses of Data: How does your data benefit customers and support agency missions?

The data, products, and standards produced by agencies serving on the Marine Boundary Working Group benefit those who have an interest in marine boundary development, legal description, documentation, and use.

4. Charter/Plan: Do you have a current charter or plan for collection? If so - please describe (include how recently the charter/plan was implemented and whether it is in need of update).

Yes. The Marine Boundary Working Group has a charter that can be found at <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/mbwg/htm/charter.htm>. It was developed in 2001 and is not in need of update.

5. Metadata Status: Is metadata discoverable and served through the NSDI Clearinghouse? What percentage of this theme's data has metadata and is in a Clearinghouse node?

Not applicable

6. Standards: What is the status of this theme's data, process, transfer, and classification standards?

The Marine Boundary Working Group is collaborating with the Cadastral Subcommittee to incorporate a marine boundary component into the *Cadastral Data Content Standard*.

7. Progress: List FY 2003 activities/progress to date (quantify where possible).

A few selected highlights of working group activities and accomplishments are listed below:

- Updated and revised the data portal section of the Marine Boundary Working Group Web page (<http://www.csc.noaa.gov/mbwg/>)
- Held two meetings of the Marine Boundary Working Group in 2003.
- Coordinated a joint meeting with the Cadastral Subcommittee at the Coastal GeoTools conference in January 2003.
- Developing a best practices handbook for developing and describing marine boundaries
- Participating in interagency collaboration with the Department of the Interior, the Department of Commerce, the Department of State, and the Ad Hoc Committee on the U.S. Baseline on marine cadastral data issues
- Participating in the E-Gov Geospatial One-Stop project

8. Policy: Do you have a formal agency policy in place for full and open access or data sharing? Are you able to fulfill this policy and provide public access with your current agency financial resources as allocated or are you in pursuit of collaborative federal partnerships to support data access?

Not applicable.

9. Are there areas or issues regarding lead responsibilities for spatial data themes that require attention, or lessons-learned that you would like to share with others? Please describe.

None at this time.